

Dated: July 1, 2002

Our Case Docket No.: ERY306

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LEE RAMAGE, ALAN B. MACDONALD
and RORY D. PARKER

Serial No. : 09/803,227
Filed : March 9, 2001
Inventor : FLUID LOADING SYSTEM

Group Art Unit 3644
Examiner: J. Woodrow Eldred

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

**FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONDING TO THE OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 29, 2002**

It is respectfully requested that the period for responding to the Office action dated January 29, 2002 now set to expire on April 29, 2002 be extended an additional two (2) months so as to expire on June 29, 2002 making a total response time of only five (5) months.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$242.00 to cover the required extension fee and amendment fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1540. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

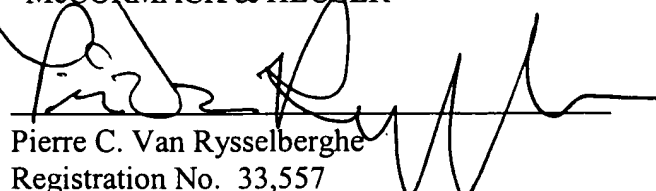
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Respectfully submitted,

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